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1. FOLLOWING SC PRESIDENT'S READING OF CONSENSUS STATEMENT (USUN 5196 (NOTAL) WITH DELETION OF "WHICH SHOULD COME TO AN END" FROM PARA (1)), AT SC MEETING ON NOVEMBER 11, AMB SHERER DELIVERED U.S. STATEMENT.

2. QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES HAS JOINED THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE CONSENSUS STATEMENT WHICH YOU HAVE READ BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THIS STATEMENT AFFIRMS SEVERAL IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES IN REGARD TO THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. FIRST IS THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION APPLIES TO THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. UNDER THIS CONVENTION AND UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW THE OCCUPYING POWER HAS RIGHTS AS WELL AS RESPONSIBILITIES. SECONDLY, WE HAVE SUPPORTED AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PRINCIPLE THAT
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PERSONS DISPLACED IN THE 1967 WAR SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO RETURN

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TO THEIR PLACES OF HABITATION AT THE TIME OF THAT WAR.
FINALLY, WE WELCOME THE CONCERN IN THIS STATEMENT FOR THE SANCTITY OF THE HOLY PLACES WHICH WE CONSIDER TO BE A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE AND IMPORTANT MATTER.

WHILE MY GOVERNMENT HAS ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH THE RESULTS OF THIS DEBATE, I MUST IN CANDOR OBSERVE THAT THE CRITICISM OF ISRAEL WHICH DOMINATED THESE PROCEEDINGS HAS BEEN LARGELY ONE-SIDED AND EXCESSIVE. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY TRUE AS REGARDS THE QUESTION OF ACCESS TO THE HOLY SITES, SPECIFICALLY THE BURIAL SITE OF THE PATRIARCH ABRAHAM.

WE AGREE WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE 27, PROVIDES THE STANDARD FOR MEASURING ISRAELI CONDUCT IN THIS MATTER. WE
ARE ALSO FULLY AWARE THAT IN RECENT WEEKS THERE HAVE OCCURRED DEPLORABLE ACTS OF DESECRATION AND VIOLENCE IN AND AROUND THIS SITE WHICH IS HOLY TO MUSLIMS, JEWS AND CHRISTIANS ALIKE. HOWEVER, IT IS ONLY FAIR AND PROPER TO POINT OUT THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS CONDEMNED AND OPPOSED THESE ACTIVITIES AND HAS, MOST RECENTLY, BROUGHT CHARGES IN A MILITARY COURT AGAINST A RATHER PROMINENT ISRAELI CITIZEN FOR HIS ROLE IN THEM. THE QUESTION OF ACCESS TO AND WORSHIP WITHIN THIS SITE IS A PARTICULARLY COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT MATTER, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT THE OCCUPYING AUTHORITIES HAVE ACTED IN GOOD FAITH TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE RELIGIOUS RIGHTS SET FORTH IN THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION. THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF CONSENSUS SPEAKS OF THE DANGER TO PEACE OF ANY ACT OF PROFANATION OF THE HOLY PLACES. THIS WE TAKE TO MEAN ANY ACT BYTHE POPULATION, THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES OR THE OCCUPYING POWER.

IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE THAT IN THIS DEBATE WE HAVE BEEN DEALING WITHTHE SYMPTOMS OF THEPROBLEM RATHER THAN WITH THE PROBLEM ITSELF. THE CONDITIONS WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WILL BE SATIFACTORILY RESOLVED ONLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEGOTIATION OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 WITH RESPECT TO WHICH WE STAND BY ALL OF OUR PREVIOUS POSITIONS.

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THERE IS GOOD REASON TO HOPETHAT CONDITIONS INTHE MIDDLE EASTHAVE IMPROVED TO THE POINT THAT RENEWED EFFORTS TOWARD SUCH A SETTLEMENT WILL BE POSSIBLE. THE RECENT MEETINGOF ARAB LEADERS IN RIYADH AND CAIRO PROMISE TO CONTRIBUTE TOAN END TO THE FIGHTING IN LEBANON AND TO THE PRESERVATIONOF ITS INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NATIONAL UNITY, TO WHICH WE ATTACH THEHIGHEST IMPORTANCE. MORE BROADLY, THE STATESMANSHIP DISPLAYED BYTHE GOVERNMENTS PRINCIPALLY INVOLVED PROMISES

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